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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly state my objections to the local planning regarding W3 and W4 Brooklands Farm proposal of the draft local plan to 2040. My reasoning is in regards to the consideration of loss of prime agricultural land that once we lose, we will never get back. I am at pains to see how we are supposed to support food for upcoming generations when we are losing so much farming land. The views are stunning across this piece of land and for the last 44 years, it is quickly becoming the only piece of green land left around Whitstable.

I believe that the development would be too close to areas of ancient woodland - specifically Clowes woods - which has been deemed an area of SSSI. This development will detrimentally affect biodiversity and wildlife (including protected species and species on the red list) in the general area which will also impact the woodland. There are beautiful walks alongside this proposed development which incorporate the crab and winkle railway. These will be effectively lost due to the amount of rubbish and pollution that a housing estate of this size will generate. Rubbish from the new housing on the Duncan Down's site has impacted the woods there and they are sadly no longer the same idyllic place they once were.

There will be significantly increased traffic and associated pollution and while there is thought that these future residents will commute to Canterbury for work, there are already not enough jobs for residents to access as there is.

Whitstable town, where I was born and as were previous generations of mine and many families, have already seen a hugely negative impact from the amount of housing estate building that has already taken place. Local amenities are already stretched, the area is overrun with air bnbs which I fear more housing estates will actually contribute too, rather than solve. We already have a huge issue with sewage overspill in the town which is threatening the town's status as a fishing heritage town and this gigantuan building proposal will make matters much worse.

Please, please reconsider this proposal!

Yours faithfully,

Jemma Hall-Smith